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BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES MOVE HIGHER, UPTURN SEEN IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, November 14 - - Coming on the heels of an increase in January, permits issued builders in the 200 largest cities again rose in February, to $2,425,794,216, some 8.3 per cent higher than January's level of $2,239,448,528, reports Dun & Bradstreet. Permits also held a robust 41.2 per cent margin over the $1,717,789,184 recorded a year earlier.

Plans filed by builders in New York upturned in the second month of 1980, 59.0 percentage points above the month before, $65,139,270 versus $40,955,633. Filings more than trebled, as well, when compared with an unusually slow $17,898,407 pace a year ago.

Issuances in the 199 cities outside New York grew 7.4 per cent in February to $2,360,654,946 from $2,198,492,895 the previous month. Figures for San Francisco, Philadelphia, and Detroit climbed sharply. Permits in the 199 cities also exceeded by 38.9 per cent their February 1979 volume of $1,699,890,777. San Francisco, Philadelphia, and Los Angeles held a big share of this advance. A couple of smaller cities - - Cambridge, Massachusettes and Pontiac, Michigan - - posted very large percentage gains from both month-ago and year-ago.

During the first two months of 1980, permit volume totalled $4,665,242,744 in the 200 cities, 34.7 per cent more than $3,464,567,310 in the like 1979 period. Los Angeles, Houston, San Francisco, Dallas, and Philadelphia led the list of twenty-five cities with the largest cumulative 1980 amounts. Twenty-two out of the twenty-five cities surpassed their 1979 pace; two-month totals for Hollywood (Florida) and Atlanta, in fact, jumped roughly eightfold.

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2. FEBRUARY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES

MONTHLY TOTAL OF BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES
1977 - 1980

	1980	1979	1978	1977
January.....	$ 2,239,448,528	$ 1,746,778,126	$ 1,555,200,317	$ 1,155,317,475
February.....	2,425,794,216	1,717,789,184	1,566,122,444	1,346,506,159
March.....		2,476,939,618	2,181,040,038	1,831,077,441
April.....		2,451,179,009	1,970,502,609	1,670,684,353
May.....		2,777,967,467	2,184,409,484	1,848,109,958
June.....		2,773,160,539	3,175,380,926	2,112,508,861
July.....		2,680,322,050	2,374,622,719	1,786,583,619
August.....		2,986,549,135	2,096,290,105	1,983,733,131
September....		2,825,024,489	2,197,718,509	1,720,913,053
October.....		2,899,533,662	2,305,383,414	1,802,807,510
November.....		2,495,786,359	2,050,242,106	1,827,177,094
December.....		2,184,572,996	1,809,134,416	1,908,713,368
TOTAL		$30,015,602,634	$25,466,047,087	$20,994,132,022

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Of the 200 cities included in this series the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the first two months of 1980 were:

(Millions of Dollars)

		Jan. - Feb. 1980	% Change Jan. - Feb. 1979
1.	Los Angeles, California.....	335.2	+ 56.2
2.	Houston, Texas.....	286.7	- 26.1
3.	San Francisco, California.....	217.1	+ 490.2
4.	Dallas, Texas.....	132.5	+ 11.6
5.	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.....	129.6	+ 465.0
6.	Seattle, Washington.....	113.5	+ 153.6
7.	Phoenix, Arizona.....	112.5	+ 27.8
8.	Honolulu, Hawaii.....	106.9	+ 67.2
9.	New York, New York.....	106.1	+ 73.9
10.	Atlanta, Georgia.....	101.7	+ 702.9
11.	San Diego, California.....	93.0	+ 8.2
12.	Chicago, Illinois.....	84.6	+ 16.0
13.	Memphis, Tennessee.....	78.6	+ 284.4
14.	Austin, Texas.....	67.7	- 21.9
15.	Detroit, Michigan.....	66.2	+ 51.1
16.	Washington, D.C.....	62.3	+ 201.2
17.	San Jose, California.....	58.4	+ 70.9
18.	Portland, Oregon.....	58.1	+ 58.2
19.	Jacksonville, Florida.....	57.6	+ 100.8
20.	Tulsa, Oklahoma.....	53.1	+ 99.1
21.	Hollywood, Florida.....	47.0	+ 665.9
22.	Denver, Colorado.....	46.5	+ 19.0
23.	Corpus Christi, Texas.....	43.4	+ 105.4
24.	San Antonio, Texas.....	41.6	- 28.6
25.	Amarillo, Texas.....	41.1	+ 458.9

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES MONTHLY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR THE 200 LARGEST CITIES BY POPULATION AS RECORDED IN THE 1970 CENSUS. THE FIGURES REPRESENT ESTIMATED BUILDING COSTS UNDER PERMITS ISSUED TO PROSPECTIVE BUILDERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS FOR THE CITIES ENUMERATED. THEY INCLUDE NEW RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS, AND REPAIRS. LAND COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE DATA ARE COMPILED FROM REPORTS FURNISHED TO DUN & BRADSTREET BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES.

RANK BY SIZE		FEBRAURY 1980	TWO MONTHS 1980	TWO MONTHS 1979
1.	NEW YORK, NEW YORK*			
	MANHATTAN	38,191,000	52,126,889	27,200,000
	BRONX	2,004,350	3,009,650	1,303,900
	BROOKLYN	8,377,450	12,062,850	5,623,960
	QUEENS	3,148,442	17,087,172	11,628,700
	RICHMOND	13,418,028	21,808,342	15,262,412
	TOTAL NEW YORK CITY	65,139,270	106,094,903	61,018,972
2.	CHICAGO, ILLINOIA	33,578,473	84,584,122	72,927,691
3.	LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	162,704,677	335,241,434	214,659,599
4.	PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA	114,260,617	129,590,371	22,937,220
5.	DETROIT, MICHIGAN	59,592,733	66,173,946	43,787,489
6.	HOUSTON, TEXAS	147,329,957	286,745,435	388,053,959
7.	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	9,241,960	24,566,925	17,937,423
8.	DALLAS, WASHINGTON	55,143,712	132,511,188	118,685,684
9.	WASHINGTON, D.C	18,999,825	62,302,555	20,684,088
10.	CLEVELAND, OHIO	15,589,322	18,392,127	18,629,364
11.	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	16,373,553	25,388,114	67,290,014
12.	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	12,265,516	17,428,348	9,266,830
13.	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA	159,451,216	217,113,757	36,789,156
14.	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	47,906,339	92,976,418	85,961,888
15.	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	25,301,993	41,567,678	58,237,834
16.	BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	19,441,000	31,922,000	30,941,637
17.	MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	40,463,082	78,565,756	20,439,316
18.	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	15,401,176	29,364,214	7,063,204
19.	NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	10,272,498	22,436,242	34,567,193
20.	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	46,529,131	112,451,295	88,016,456
21.	COLUMBUS, OHIO	22,520,368	34,660,495	18,750,317
22.	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	38,034,714	113,463,346	44,739,552
23.	JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA	36,698,492	57,587,203	28,673,409
24.	PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA	5,577,283	13,060,621	3,862,950
25.	DENVER, COLORADO	32,969,046	46,471,958	39,057,961
26.	KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	5,725,665	11,928,182	11,878,282
27.	ATLANTA, GEORGIA	43,068,754	101,653,614	12,660,523
28.	BUFFALO, NEW YORK	851,547	1,480,642	6,235,610
29.	CINCINNATI, OHIO	7,593,297	23,679,606	11,740,743
30.	NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE	13,744,844	27,017,866	16,830,212
31.	SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA	37,941,774	58,441,959	34,197,469
32.	MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	26,242,010	40,652,029	85,314,725
33.	FORT WORTH, TEXAS	16,128,383	35,801,501	40,078,090
34.	TOLEDO, OHIO	2,574,829	18,394,169	6,678,207
35.	PORTLAND, OREGON	21,953,950	58,121,145	36,731,110
36.	NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	645,264	1,819,069	10,459,375
37.	OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	13,348,675	35,213,230	32,442,431
38.	OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA	10,980,046	29,460,516	17,808,621
39.	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	4,163,348	11,322,718	3,678,693
40.	LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA	9,332,267	22,508,322	21,069,682
41.	OMAHA, NEBRASKA	2,600,195	8,540,257	24,840,682
42.	MIAMI, FLORIDA	6,668,319	26,948,087	16,454,355
43.	TULSA, OKLAHOMA	28,986,138	53,053,538	26,648,650
44.	HONOLULU, HAWAII	61,729,920	106,867,612	63,898,433
45.	EL PASO, TEXAS	21,346,176	38,592,564	33,823,376
46.	ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	14,101,353	19,613,474	4,547,388
47.	NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	2,034,524	8,492,700	3,934,706
48.	BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	13,040,801	23,258,588	7,363,730
49.	ROCHESTER, NEW YORK	4,062,530	7,985,445	2,862,332
50.	TAMPA, FLORIDA	20,864,943	34,955,606	15,300,606
51.	WICHITA, KANSAS	5,836,790	21,594,601	23,778,055
52.	AKRON, OHIO	5,473,895	9,565,996	2,591,740
53.	TUCSON, ARIZONA	11,302,663	25,673,611	27,033,653
54.	JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY	680,650	2,455,000	242,000
55.	SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA	15,283,772	23,791,475	59,029,830
56.	AUSTIN TEXAS	37,930,250	67,739,650	86,754,181
57.	RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	3,900,899	31,515,571	8,635,824
58.	ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	16,244,056	33,847,846	33,399,991
59.	DAYTON, OHIO	6,932,046	7,958,794	3,378,950
60.	CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	19,849,490	22,928,777	17,182,246
61.	ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA	11,376,650	21,855,290	9,008,310
62.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	15,326,436	43,395,069	21,127,208
63.	YONKERS, NEW YORK	238,160	4,049,660	5,604,144
64.	DES MOINES, IOWA	3,505,143	5,434,875	7,425,596
65.	GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	1,634,935	15,583,670	4,802,100
66.	SYRACUSE, NEW YORK	1,718,742	2,248,347	3,292,802
67.	FLINT, MICHIGAN	988,187	1,788,010	11,037,275
68.	MOBILE, ALABAMA	16,880,665	25,914,364	15,518,564
69.	SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA	4,421,138	9,473,018	15,573,232
70.	WARREN, MICHIGAN	194,193	452,061	376,639
71.	PROVIDENCE,RHODE ISLAND	971,450	4,804,600	6,869,600
72.	FORT WAYNE, INDIANA	18,045,891	23,745,713	4,526,634
73.	WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	5,494,425	7,605,045	1,377,735
74.	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	11,099,610	15,740,819	18,027,262
75.	GARY, INDIANA	843,477	1,444,592	1,684,300
76.	KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	1,326,539	10,545,740	9,997,840
77.	MADISON, WISCONSIN	3,096,208	4,973,281	10,718,383
78.	VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA	12,607,501	29,807,757	36,316,562
79.	SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	11,899,445	17,566,943	10,387,531
80.	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	1,115,400	2,348,706	2,978,135
81.	ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA	9,166,678	19,998,915	15,482,992
82.	FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	8,442,181	28,872,007	31,308,556
83.	BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA	11,140,112	22 351,506	17,911,228
84.	SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS	5,456,858	11,526,486	7,342,197
85.	HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT	8,650,715	12,442,174	8,090,726
86.	SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA	3,880,169	11,220,503	12,749,761
87.	BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT	1,475,456	2,112,606	2,373,602
88.	TACOMA, WASHINGTON	6,192,373	8,294,684	11,526,923
89.	COLUMBUS, GEORGIA	2,296,820	34,573,948	6,282,492
90.	JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI	2,509,022	12,288,830	12,137,602
91.	LINCOLN, NEBRASKA	12,370,501	15,235,728	4,592,641
92.	LUBBOCK, TEXAS	6,274,508	10,976,382	11,906,594
93.	ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS	6,770,482	11,166,610	3,327,797
94.	PATERSON, NEW JERSEY	9,141,713	9,665,396	780,073
95.	GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA	3,502,324	8,405,413	6,415,894
96.	RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA	1,110,617	9,172,567	8,724,547
97.	YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO	446,073	1,000,532	313,384
98.	FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA	15,521,105	34,642,940	7,181,575
99.	EVANSVILLE, INDIANA	636,470	2,335,682	1,042,845
100.	NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA	1,225,808	2,569,983	4,789,813
101.	HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA	18,856,318	24,408,882	7,402,588
102.	NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	4,286,235	9,163,215	1,176,197
103.	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO	11,958,624	36,758,045	24,097,108
104.	TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA	2,207,995	7,543,000	4,568,280
105.	MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA	6,239,100	14,840,600	15,660,600
106.	WINSTON-SALEM, NO. CAR	18,512,676	23,164,508	3,735,059
107.	GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA	14,601,938	16,595,802	21,391,182
108.	LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	6,228,067	11,747,391	23,162,781
109.	LANSING, MICHIGAN	1,867,797	3,953,379	7,822,007
110.	ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA	142,260	355,098	9,165,850
111.	AMARILLO, TEXAS	11,113,343	41,088,860	7,351,584
112.	PEORIA, ILLINOIS	7,225,804	9,044,392	901,852
113.	LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	12,312,729	29,594,502	30,678,100
114.	SOUTH BEND, INDIANA	3,479,400	5,970,556	1,126,906
115.	TOPEKA, KANSAS	664,165	2,698,565	8,064,665
116.	GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA	1,645,232	3,082,777	5,210,102
117.	MACON, GEORGIA	4,017,104	6,477,513	7,586,798
118.	RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA	9,370,886	26,083,272	13,918,615
119.	HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	2,402,720	4,877,279	3,628,232
120.	SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI	2,387,601	7,816,224	7,648,009
121.	CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE	3,907,813	20,788,677	7,282,149
122.	SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	7,813,007	10,086,174	4,262,366
123.	BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA	9,688,697	13,927,582	1,679,450
124.	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CAL	2,328,305	8,526,194	11,405,020
125.	BEAUMONT, TEXAS	7,592,091	11,075,260	8,660,333
126.	ALBANY, NEW YORK	428,174	1,262,347	579,876
127.	COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA	7,461,307	11,733,264	2,409,382
128.	PASADENA, CALIFORNIA	3,412,512	9,967,699	10,681,820
129.	ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY	220,575	574,885	323,455
130.	INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI	852,096	1,717,233	1,924,477
131.	PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA	913,054	2,766,399	4,739,985
132.	ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA	4,974,148	8,959,998	5,102,854
133.	CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA	3,380,689	3,895,043	8,245,806
134.	LIVONIA, MICHIGAN	1,200,436	4,412,019	3,951,672
135.	CANTON, OHIO	2,430,939	2,921,631	12,129,839
136.	ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA	432,810	2,526,005	596,938
137.	STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT	1,636,250	6,443,360	69,374,196
138.	LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY	8,159,876	13,251,244	10,122,347
139.	WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT	251,680	563,805	549,464
140.	HAMMOND, INDIANA	241,171	1,074,980	1,330,087
141.	STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA	4,638,565	9,060,398	18,074,545
142.	HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA	2,434,061	47,029,673	6,140,147
143.	TRENTON, NEW JERSEY	130,290	1,890,420	512,105
144.	SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA	9,698,208	12,773,895	11,141,031
145.	DEARBORN, MICHIGAN	2,508,958	3,271,836	14,754,287
146.	SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA	4,028,054	7,147,015	978,287
147.	CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY	115,369	237,324	430,995
148.	HIALEAH, FLORIDA	857,115	6,036,857	4,113,754
149.	NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS	216,175	2,111,325	1,223,425
150.	FREMONT, CALIFORNIA	8,365,600	11,930,300	24,736,800
151.	DULUTH, MINNESOTA	2,989,899	3,819,478	2,225,778
152.	CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS	20,430,437	22,228,596	1,402,989
153.	PARMA, OHIO	146,600	356,400	744,800
154.	ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	377,719	8,308,695	3,953,444
155.	ORLANDO, FLORIDA	12,102,736	17,550,424	13,333,956
156.	DAVENPORT, IOWA	2,359,685	3,179,102	2,132,621
157.	WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	3,869,293	7,759,832	7,040,234
158.	PUEBLO, COLORADO	1,006,466	1,922,075	5,096,477
159.	IRVING, TEXAS	25,550,569	32,992,059	12,248,909
160.	FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS	116,700	370,500	527,519
161.	DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA	1,695,343	4,017,956	4,560,595
162.	SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA	7,887,784	18,576,619	9,855,128
163.	WACO, TEXAS	21,261,894	24,102,684	8,106,856
164.	RACINE, WISCONSIN	125,390	672,705	461,269
165.	LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS	359,350	9,687,825	11,885,960
166.	HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA	10,004,872	17,531,076	6,768,184
167.	LAKEWOOD, COLORADO	9,544,402	13,286,728	12,047,475
168.	ROANOKE, VIRGINIA	5,113,263	6,478,716	3,342,593
169.	SAGINAW, MICHIGAN	1,190,637	1,511,140	1,738,715
170.	NORWALK, CALIFORNIA	348,590	797,990	521,830
171.	SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	1,036,184	1,973,328	1,788,344
172.	UTICA, NEW YORK	213,115	744,290	50,825
173.	NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS	683,916	1,020,703	1,563,283
174.	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	15,377,688	31,938,665	37,064,892
175.	DECATUR, ILLINOIS	188,636	2,118,061	8,420,531
176.	LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS	366,225	1,273,691	473,371
177.	INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA	9,693,845	12,772,195	2,846,687
178.	ABILENE, TEXAS	7,898,454	13,322,933	12,895,505
179.	CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA	3,264,596	13,732,099	8,325,005
180.	PASADENA, TEXAS	1,851,903	9,964,818	9,554,229
181.	BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS	291,985	517,375	3,447,412
182.	BURBALK, CALIFORNIA	9,826,018	21,138,961	5,779,354
183.	SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS	99,125	631,401	293,775
184.	DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA	1,141,853	3,107,666	3,092,801
185.	SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA	8,664,427	14,528,104	8,000,921
186.	ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICHIGAN	127,300	864,325	273,100
187.	QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS	733,425	986,586	846,285
188.	GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN	1,518,100	2,587,328	4,772,911
189.	MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE	372,995	751,205	5,446,533
190.	SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA	2,098,145	5,996,360	22,422,026
191.	READING, PENNSYLVANIA	512,481	2,106,731	1,317,303
192.	POMONA, CALIFORNIA	336,355	4,807,642	8,609,217
193.	MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA	5,467,950	8,730,819	3,751,587
194.	WESTLAND, MICHIGAN	440,190	624,517	1,131,696
195.	SIOUX CITY, IOWA	745,949	1,727,003	1,497,010
196.	FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA	2,667,547	3,770,543	8,894,883
197.	NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK	395,800	713,856	497,548
198.	KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN	1,968,106	2,875,683	3,976,094
199.	ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN	318,825	492,280	1,693,910
200.	PONTIAC, MICHIGAN	27,487,031	27,874,611	672,900
	TOTALS: 200 LARGEST CITIES Listed Above	2,425,794,216	4,665,242,744	3,464,567,310

P = Preliminary
R = Revised